

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.

An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

4. (amended) A device according to ~~any of the previous claims, claim 1,~~ characterised in that the female linking means (4) consists of several openings and in that the male linking means (5) consists of several hooking elements, the number of hooking elements (5) being equal to the number of openings (4).

5. (amended) A device according to ~~any of the previous claims, claim 1,~~ characterised in that, when the elongated elements (1) are in their second relative position, the female (4) and male (5) linking elements form a link showing a clearance along the longitudinal axis.

6. (amended) A device according to ~~any of the previous claims, claim 1,~~ characterised in that the female linking means (4) comprises three openings and in that the male linking means (5) comprises three hooking elements.

7. (amended) A device according to ~~any of the previous claims, claim 1,~~ characterised in that each of the elongated elements (1, 1A) is provided, on one face (8) whereby it rests on the road, with means (9) increasing the adherence to the elongated element (1, 1A) on the road.

10. (amended) A device according to ~~any of the~~  
~~previous claims, claim 1,~~ characterised in that it reaches at  
least the securing level BT4 according to the French standard XP  
P98453 or any corresponding level of another standard.